

George Washington to Bernard Moore, January 23, 1771, Draft, The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources, 1745-1799. John C. Fitzpatrick, Editor.

***To COLONEL BERNARD MOORE¹**

Colchester, January 23, 1771.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 12th. Inst.² by Mr. Seaton³ was delivered to me at this place in my way to Dumfries where I am going upon an Arbitration fixd to this day. I am exceeding sorry to hear of your unfortunate Circumstances and wish that the situation of my own Engagements, woud permit me to subscribe more largely to your relief than they will; but having several pretty large Sums of my own to pay *in a short time* it is utterly out of my power (with any sort of convenience) to advance more than One hundred pounds for the purpose and on the terms you mention; this I am willing to do, and accordingly have wrote to the Trustees informing them thereof. I have no doubt of your putting me upon as good a footing as any of the other Subscribers and therefore do not condition with you for terms or say anything further on that head but again beg that something effectual may be done to secure myself and Brothers from the payment of your Bond to Mr. Lightfoots Estate, as I am sensible it woud be attended with great Inconvenience to some of them to advance this money and be a hardship upon us all. I am Dr. Sir, etc.

¹olonel Moore resided near Yorktown, Va. It was at his home that the capitulation of 1ornwallis was signed some 10 years later.

²oore's letter, dated Jan. 12, 1771, is printed in Hamilton's Letters to Washington, vol. 4, p. 47.

³ugustine Seaton, nephew of Bernard Moore.